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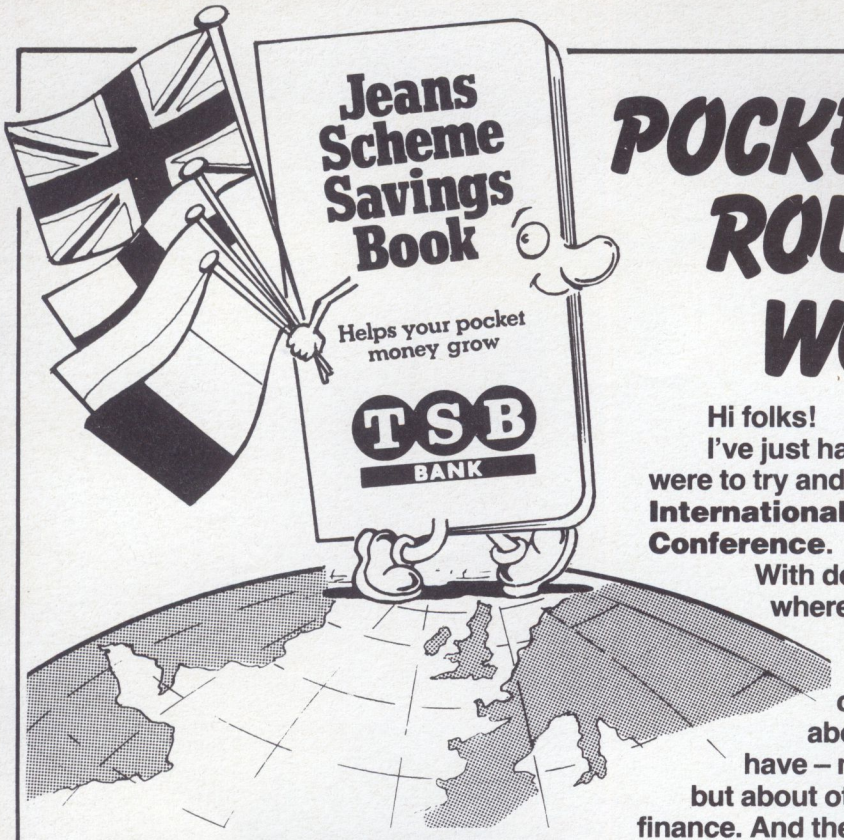

POCKET MONEY ROUND THE WORLD!

Hi folks!

I've just had a great idea – supposing we were to try and set up the world's first **International Pocket Money Conference.**

With delegates from every country where there's a Jeans Savings Scheme just like ours.

Where young savers can come and talk to each other about the kind of problems we all have – not just about pocket money, but about other questions to do with finance. And the future . . .

Don't you think it would be great?

Anyway, I'm going to try and set it up. But here's how you can help.

Supposing you were an OFFICIAL DELEGATE at such a conference!

What would YOU talk about?

What points would you make? What questions would you like to ask the other delegates? If it really took off, there could be youngsters from France, Germany, Austria, Denmark, Finland – indeed all the 11 countries where there are now Jeans Scheme savers.

So, write and tell me what you would say if you were OUR **official** delegate.

There'll be a prize for the best five letters.

LUCKY NUMBERS IN MIKE!

Interested in a little late Christmas present? Turn to page 14 and see if your club card number is there. If it is, send us your club card, along with your name and address and you will receive a special prize.

MIKE'S POPULARITY POLL!

We're dead keen to find out what you like best about our mag (so we can give you more of what you like and less of what you don't like). Will you help?
Turn to page 10 and give us a clue!

CHIP CHAT!

Yes folks, we're thinking of a special spot in MIKE for all you computer freaks. So let's hear from you – tips, hints, your top scores on games, and anything else you have to tell us!

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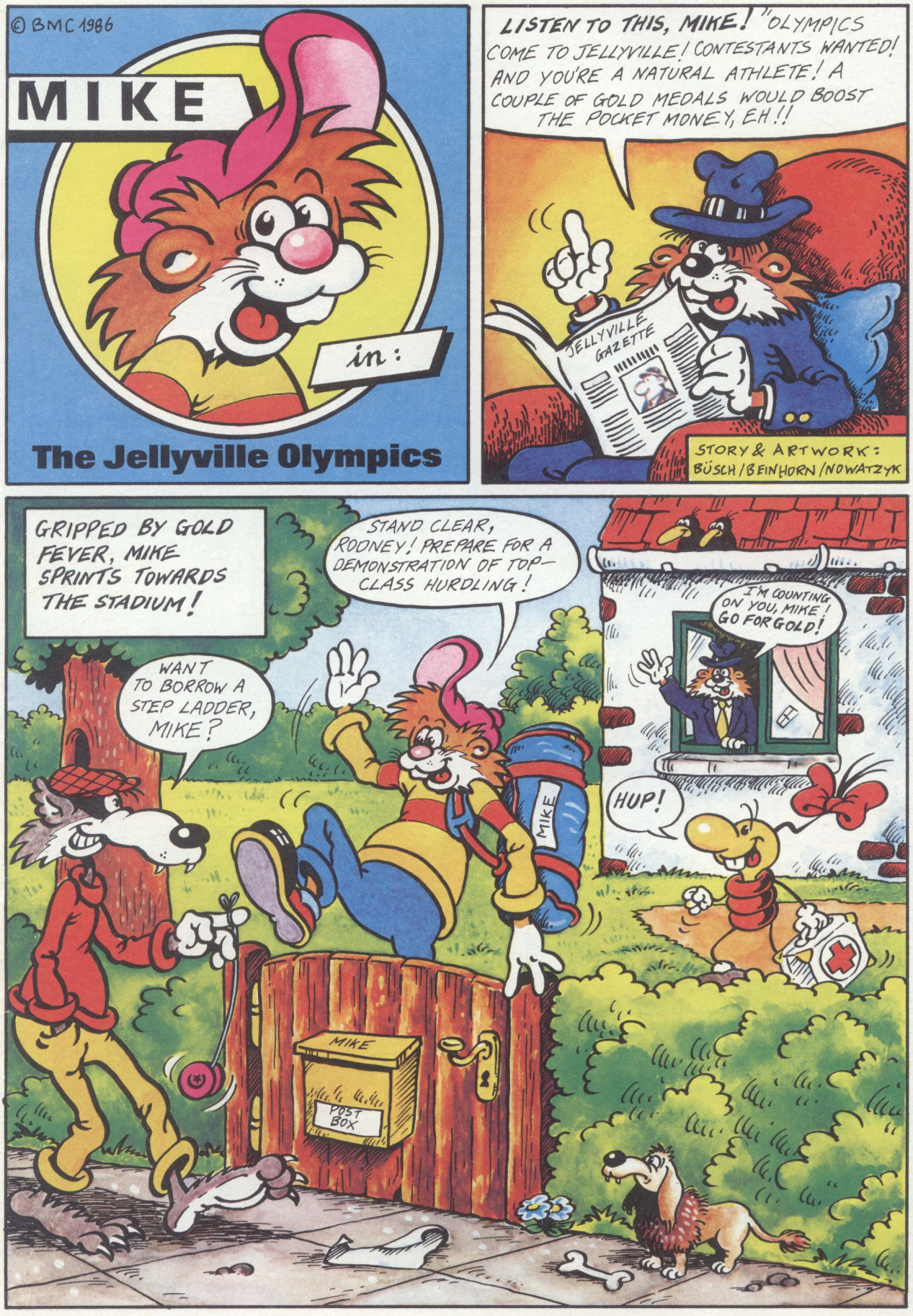
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MIKE
in:
The Jellyville Olympics
LISTEN TO THIS, MIKE! "OLYMPICS COME TO JELLYVILLE! CONTESTANTS WANTED! AND YOU'RE A NATURAL ATHLETE! A COUPLE OF GOLD MEDALS WOULD BOOST THE POCKET MONEY, EH!!
JELLYVILLE GAZETTE
STORY & ARTWORK: BÜSCH/BEINHORN/NOWATZYK
GRIPPED BY GOLD FEVER, MIKE SPRINTS TOWARDS THE STADIUM!
STAND CLEAR, ROONEY! PREPARE FOR A DEMONSTRATION OF TOP-CLASS HURDLING!
WANT TO BORROW A STEP LADDER, MIKE?
I'M COUNTING ON YOU, MIKE! GO FOR GOLD!
HUP!
MIKE
MIKE
POST BOX

AAAARGH!
WHOOPS! ER... SORRY, RODNEY!
THIS WAY FOLKS!
CLUMSY OAF! YOU DID THAT ON PURPOSE!
ER... GOTTA DASH, RODNEY! SEE YOU LATER, EH?
COWARD! WEAKLING! COME HERE AND I'LL KNOCK YOUR BLOCK OFF!
SORRY, ROD! I'M A JUMPER, NOT A BOXER!! HEE, HEE !!!
CONFUCIOUS HIM SAY, "WHEN WOLF HAVE BAD FOOT, WISE HAMSTER LAUGHS AND LUNS!"
JUMP ON MY FOOT, WOULD YOU? HAH! WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT! I'LL TEACH YOU HOW TO BOX! IF I WERE MIKE, I'D BE FEELING PRETTY JUMPY!!
YES INDEED! THE NAME OF THE GAME IS GRREVENGE!
THROB!
POST BOX
GET BETTER QUICK, LODNEY!!

AT JELLYVILLE STADIUM....
YOU'RE A BIT LATE, MIKE! WE CAN ONLY FIT YOU INTO THE, ER 100 METRES AND THE POLE VAULT!
GREAT! START POLISHING UP THE MEDALS!
FINGERS CROSSED, BLIRRIANT! ONLY FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE 100 METRES!
HEH! HEH! IN HIS FOOLPROOF DISGUISE, RODNEY STALKS THE STADIUM!
GOOD RUCK, MIKE!
FIRST AID
GREETINGS, DEAR ATHLETE! I REPRESENT SPEEDY SNEAKERS LTD. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO ACCEPT A FREE SET OF RUNNING SPIKES!
FOUL!
COR! THAT'S REALLY GENEROUS! TA, PAL!
SPIKES?
MIKE
CRACKLE ALL COMPETITORS FOR THE 100 METRES, PLEASE REPORT TO THE START!
RUNNING SPIKES! HEH HEH! STANDING STILL SPIKES, MORE LIKE!!
BIT STRANGE, THESE SPIKES! STILL, THEY'RE BETTER THAN NOTHING!
YEAH.
NOPE!
EAT HAM CRISPOES
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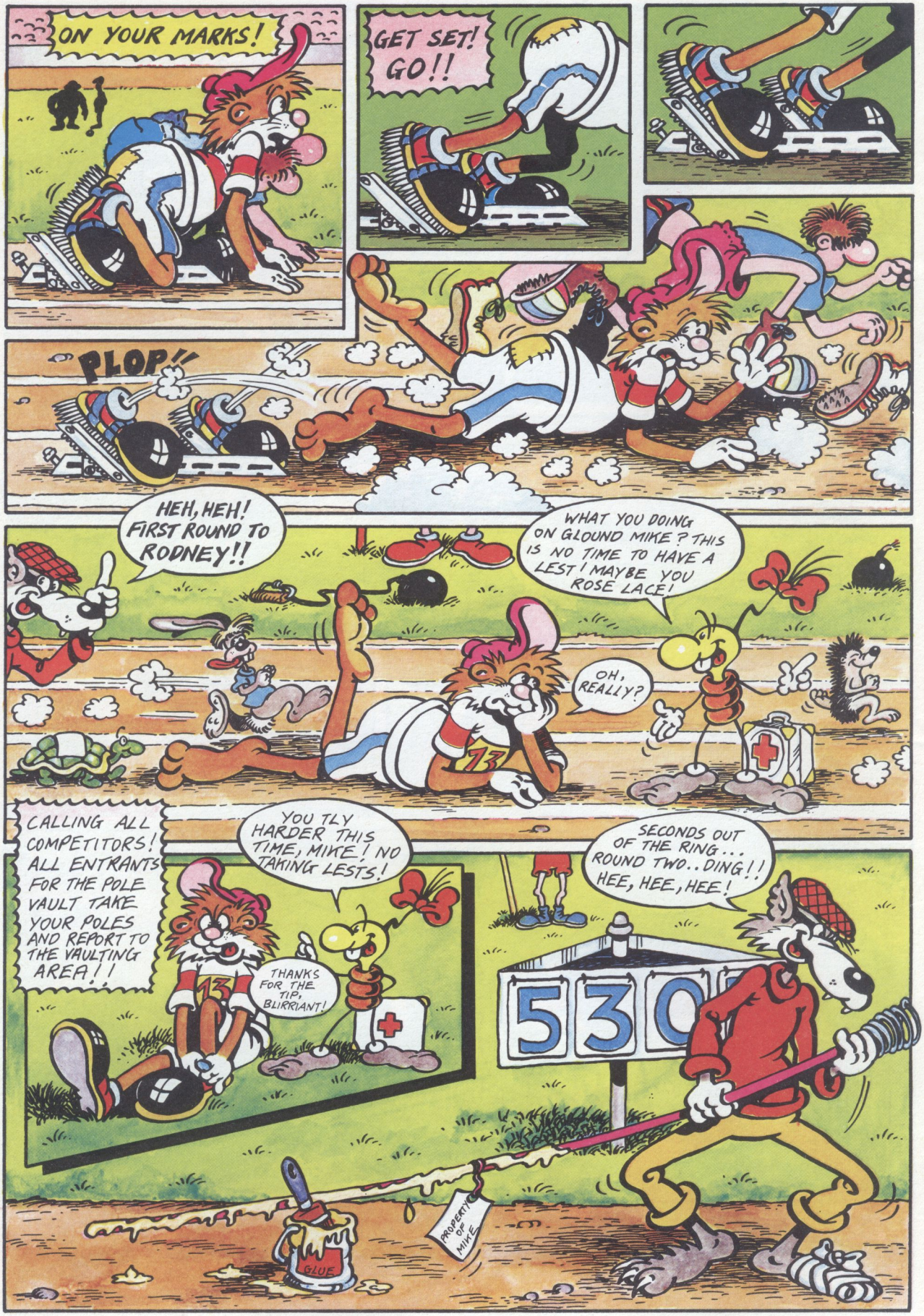
ON YOUR MARKS!
GET SET! GO!!
PLOP!!
HEH, HEH! FIRST ROUND TO RODNEY!!
WHAT YOU DOING ON GLOUND MIKE? THIS IS NO TIME TO HAVE A LEST! MAYBE YOU ROSE LACE!
OH, REALLY?
CALLING ALL COMPETITORS! ALL ENTRANTS FOR THE POLE VAULT TAKE YOUR POLES AND REPORT TO THE VAULTING AREA!!
YOU TLY HARDER THIS TIME, MIKE! NO TAKING LESTS!
THANKS FOR THE TIP, BLIRRIANT!
SECONDS OUT OF THE RING... ROUND TWO..DING!! HEE, HEE, HEE!
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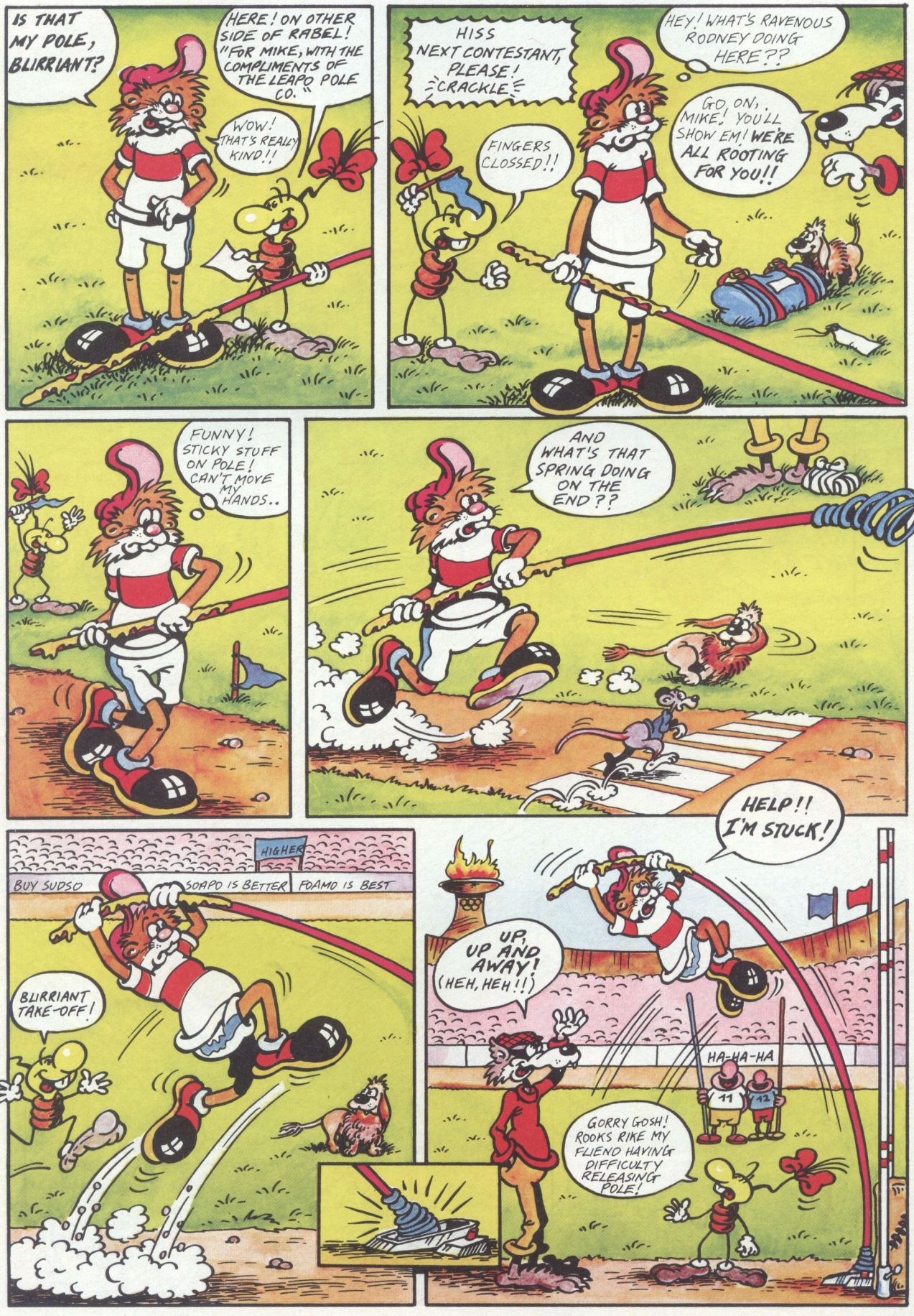
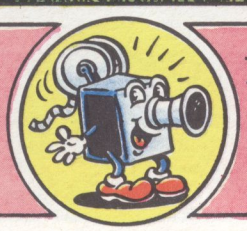
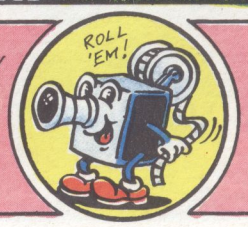
GLUE
PROPERTY OF MIKE


IS THAT MY POLE, BLIRRIANT?
HERE! ON OTHER SIDE OF RABEL! "FOR MIKE, WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE LEAPO POLE CO."
WOW! THAT'S REALLY KIND!!
HISS NEXT CONTESTANT, PLEASE! CRACKLE
HEY! WHAT'S RAVENOUS RODNEY DOING HERE??
GO ON, MIKE! YOU'LL SHOW EM! WE'RE ALL ROOTING FOR YOU!!
FINGERS CLOSSED!!
FUNNY! STICKY STUFF ON POLE! CAN'T MOVE MY HANDS..
AND WHAT'S THAT SPRING DOING ON THE END??
HELP!! I'M STUCK!
HIGHER
BUY SUDSO
SOAPO IS BETTER
FOAMO IS BEST
BLIRRIANT TAKE-OFF!
UP, UP AND AWAY! (HEH, HEH!!)
HA-HA-HA
11
12
GORRY GOSH! ROOKS RIKE MY FLIEND HAVING DIFFICULTY RELEASING POLE!

SNEAK PREVIEW: MIKE GETS MIXED UP IN THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR WORLD OF THE MOVIE MOGULS! WILL HE BE A SMASH BOX-OFFICE SUCCESS, OR ARE WE LOOKING AT A DISASTER MOVIE? FIND OUT IN **LIGHTS! SOUND! ACTION!!** IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF MIKE!!!





HA-HA! HI-HI! HO-HO!

Child: Mum will you remember me in ten years?
Mother: Yes, why?
Child: Will you remember me in twenty years?
Mother: Yes dear, why?
Child: Will you remember me in thirty years?
Mother: Yes dear, I WILL!
Child: Knock, Knock.
Mother: Who's there?
Child: See you've forgotten me already.

Joanne Sidebottom, 55 Brabyns Road, Gee Cross, Cheshire SK14 5EF

Knock, Knock!
Who's there?
Howard,
Howard who?
Howard you like to stand out here in the cold while some idiot keeps saying 'Who's there?'
Sarah Pagett (12),
38 Inchlaggan Road, Fallings Park, Wolverhampton WV10 9RA.

Teacher: What is your name?
New Boy: Francis Mickey Brown.
Teacher: In that case, I shall call you Francis Brown.
New Boy: My Dad won't like that.
Teacher: Why ever not?
New Boy: He doesn't like people taking the Mickey out of my name!
Kirsty Loring,
60/61 Tarlton Nr. Cirencester, Gloucs. GL76 6PA.

Patient: Doctor, Doctor, I've got awful flat feet, what do you suggest I do?
Doctor: Go out and buy a foot pump!
Jo-Anne Heathcole,
68 Newstead Way, Birley, Sheffield, South Yorkshire S12 3BN.

Knock, Knock!
Who's there?
Boo,
Boo who?
Sorry I made you cry, it's only me.

There was an old man from Peru,
Who really had nothing to do,
So he sat on the stairs,
and counted his hairs,
and found he had seventy-two.
Donna Nicholls,
412 Wellington St., Grimsby, South Humberside DN32 7JS.

Q: What goes from green to red at the flick of a switch?
A: A frog in a liquidizer.

Yuk! Disgusting!
A. Wright,
261 Ings Road, Hull, North Humberside HU8 ON8.

Q: What do you call a Spaniard who has just come out of hospital?
A: Man well!
Scott Mitchell (10),
101 Sailsbury Walk, Magdalla Ave. Archway, London N19 5DU.

Teacher: Did your big brother help you with your homework?
Jimmy: No Miss. He did it all himself!
Jason Kay,
94 Central Drive, Shirebrook, Nr. Mansfield, Notts. N620 8BE.

Q: How do you keep an idiot in suspense?
A: I'll tell you next week.

Q: What's a ghost's favourite meal?
A: Ghoulash.
Angela Spokes (15),
54 Wakefield Ave., Sutton Trust Estate, Hull, North Humberside HU9 4RD.

DOCTOR CHARLIE SNARK WRITES

Greetings, dear Readers!

Welcome to another SPARKLING SNARK PAGE! And a HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all!

Which reminds me! Mike persuaded me to go up to SCOTLAND with him for Hogmanay! Well, I had no idea what he was talking about, but we went anyway and had a very nice time! Mike took me hunting Haggises on a hill. Apparently Haggises have left legs longer than their right legs, and so they find it easy to run round steep hills clockwise. Haggis hunters persuade them to run anticlockwise, so that they tip over, and roll to the bottom, where they are bagged by helpers. Actually we didn't see any, but Mike tells me that was because I made too much noise.

(Hee, hee, hee! Gotcha! Mike!!)

Well, I must adjust my green eyeshade and continue sorting through your jokes! It is always VERY nice to get them, so KEEP SENDING THEM IN! As usual, there's a WORST PRIZE for the WORST knock-knock joke and the WORST riddle! One day, perhaps I will understand one of them!

Sincerely
Dr. Charlie Snark

Q: What's full of sandwiches and hides in a bell tower?
A: The Lunch Pack of Notre Dame!
Sheryn Williams
4 Picketlease, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN14 ODN.

WORST PRIZE

Q: When is it bad luck to have a black cat follow you?
A: When you're a mouse!

Q: What goes WUFF WUFF tick tick?
A: A watch dog!
Mark Brown,
35 Ennerdale Road, Hairport, Cumbria.

Patient: Doctor, Doctor, I've just swallowed 5 pence!
Doctor: Oh well, the change will do you good!
Lee Phillips (12),
122 Rotherham Road, Barnsley Smithie, South Yorkshire S71 1OT.

Q: Where did Tarzan get his clothes?
A: A Jungle sale!

Q: What kind of sweet goes swinging through the jungle?
A: Tarzipan!
John Chester,
9 Shawhill Road, Washwood Heath, Birmingham B8 3LJ.

There was a young woman of Hyde,
Who ate sour apples and died.
The apples fermented,
Inside the lamented –
And made cider inside her inside!

Q: What do you get if you cross a zebra with a pig?
A: Striped sausages!
S. Tulloch (13),
20 Maple Ave., Haslingdon, Rossendale, Lancs. BB4 5NQ.

Teacher: If I had ten oranges in one hand, and seven in the other. What would I have?
Girl: Big hands, Miss!
Ching Man Yau (10),
15 Bedehouse Bank, Bourne, Lincs. PE10 9JX.

Q: What goes 150 mph down a washing line?
A: Honda pants!
Lesley Treharne,
2 Queen Street, Bedworth, Nr. Nuneaton Warwickshire CU12 8JJ.

Knock, Knock!
Who's there?
Moss
Moss who?
Mosquito.

HA-HA-HA!!!

Knock, Knock!
Who's there?
Moss
Moss who?
Mosquito.

Knock, Knock!
Who's there?
Moss
Moss who?
Mosquito.

WORST PRIZE

Knock, Knock!
Who's there?
Get
Get who?
Get rid of all these Mosquitoes!
Kevin Brook,
154 Roll Ave., Crewe Cheshire.

Q: What do you say to a teacher with cotton wool in her ears?
A: Anything you, like she can't hear you!
Claire Turner (12),

There was a young man called Paul,
Who went off to a fancy dress ball,
He thought he would risk it,
And went as a biscuit,
But a dog ate him up in the hall.
Lee McNeill (13),
24 Kingsley Drive, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire SK8 5LZ.

GIVE US A CLUE!

Hi folks!

I'm dead keen to find out what you like best about our mag (so we can give you more of what *you* like and less of what you don't like). Also, what you think about Jeans Scheme.
Please take a couple of minutes to complete the questionnaire below, cut it out and then pop it in the post to me, MIKE. Thanks!

Name..... **Address** .....

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..... **Age.** ..... **yrs.** ..... **months**

1. Please say by ticking one of the boxes, how much you enjoy reading our MIKE comic:
I enjoy reading it
very much ☐ not very much ☐
quite a lot ☐ not at all ☐

2. My favourite features.
Write the figure 1. alongside the MIKE feature you like best, 2 beside your second favourite and so on numbering 1-11.
- ☐ MIKE's Mailbag
- ☐ MIKE's Cartoon Stories
- ☐ Charlie Snark's Jokes Page
- ☐ Club Corner
- ☐ Routes
- ☐ Cartoon Strip Writer Competition
- ☐ The Pen-Pal Pages
- ☐ Mr. Blirriant's Prize Clossword
- ☐ MIKE's Drawing Class
- ☐ Stop Press
- ☐ MIKE's History of the World

3. Is there any feature of MIKE which you would like to see more of?

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4. Do you like the 'Routes' magazine? very much ☐ not very much ☐
quite a lot ☐ not at all ☐

5. If you like 'Routes' are there any routes that you would like to see in future?

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6. How often do you visit your TSB branch?
1 visit per month ☐ 2 visits per month ☐
3 visits per month ☐ 4 visits per month ☐ More than 4 visits per month ☐

7. When you visit your TSB branch do you usually go on your own? ☐
Or with your parents? ☐

8. Are the people at your TSB friendly to you? Yes ☐ No ☐

9. Is there anything that you would like to tell **MIKE** about your TSB branch?

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10. If you have had a birthday since you opened your Jeans Scheme account, did **MIKE** send you a Birthday Card? Yes ☐ No ☐

11. If you received a Birthday Card, did you like it? Yes ☐ No ☐
If not, what didn't you like?

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12. If you are 13 years or older do you use your Speedbank card regularly? Yes ☐ No ☐

13. One of the aims of Jeans Scheme is to help you manage your own money.
Do you think that Jeans Scheme has actually helped you or not? Yes ☐ No ☐

14. When you go into your TSB branch to deposit money, do you usually claim your savings stickers? Yes ☐ No ☐

15. Did you know that you can save your stickers and qualify for a free gift? Yes ☐ No ☐
If your answer is no, please ask about the stickers when you next visit your branch.

16. If you have anything that you would like to say about Jeans Scheme please write your comments here:

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Thank you for completing the above. Please cut it out and mail to :
Mike's Action Desk, T.S.B. England & Wales, FREEPOST, London EC3B 3TB (no stamp needed)

BECOME A CARTOON STRIP WRITER

Here's your chance to write the words for a REAL comic strip! Fill the bubbles with a story of your own, and send it to MIKE! We'll PRINT the winner – and there are special prizes for the best three entries!

Name _____

Age _____ **Address** _____

_____

Closing date for entries January 31st. See the May issue for winners.

PEN-PALS

FIND A FRIEND OVERSEAS

Dear MIKE,
I'm 11 yrs. old. I like animals, horse riding. I'd like a girl pen-pal aged 10-12 yrs. old.
Sophie Artiagoitia, 70 Rue Camille Glammarion, Bordeaux 33100, France.

Dear MIKE,
I'd like a boy or girl pen-pal. I like horse riding, cycling, TV and the accordion. Please send a photo.
Brigitte Legros, 1 Rue des Ecoles Montigne-le-Brillant, 53260 Laval, France.

Dear MIKE,
I'd like a girl pen-pal aged 12-14 yrs. old. My hobbies include swimming, ice skating, I love music and collecting stamps. Please write soon and send a photograph.
Laurent Ollagnier, 12 Rue Centrale, 05100 Briancon, France (13 yrs. old).

Dear MIKE,
Hello, I'm 14 years old and would like a girl pen-pal my age. I like dogs, cycling, swimming. I love music (Michael Jackson, Duran Duran).
Veronique Daniere, Les Bresses, 42120 Perreux, France.

Dear MIKE,
My name is Anne, I'd like a girl pen-pal. I have studied English for 1½ years. I like animals, pastries and babies.
Anne Loret, 38 Rue Abel Vacher, 92190 Meudon, France.

Dear MIKE,
I'd like girl or boy pen-pals. When I am older I'd like to be on the cinema. My hobbies include, sport, the cinema (most of all), music, dancing, reading. I am learning to write English.
Melle Sandzine Chalvet, 29 TRo de la Dominique, Bt. D. Les Platanes, 13011 Marseille, France.

Dear MIKE,
I like literature, music (new-wave, funk, jazz and classic), ski-ing, swimming and I love horses and cats. The groups I prefer are Duran Duran, Depeché Mode, Talk-Talk, Alphaville. I'd like a girl pen-pal.
Vanessa Marron, La Cite Haute, 13170 Les Gennes Mirabeau, France.

Dear MIKE,
I like swimmng, dancing, singing and collecting stamps. I also like Michael Jackson. I would like to have a girl pen-pal aged 12 yrs. old.
Sandrine Fontaine, 147 Rue Gondre Gides, 77176 Savigny le Temple, France.

Dear MIKE,
I like dancing, the piano, swimming and golf. I'd like a girl pen-pal aged 12-13 yrs. old. I'm 12 yrs. old and I can write a little English.
1 Appee des Verdions, 33600 Pessx, France.

Dear MIKE,
Hello, my hobbies are collecting rubbers, writing, reading, collecting pen pals, animals, pop music and going to girl guides.
Samantha Lloyd (11), 27 George Street, Llanelli.

Dear MIKE,
I would like a girl pen pal. My hobbies are dancing, swimming, reading and pop music.
Claudine Tisdell (13), 93 Overton Close, Hall Green, Birmingham.

Dear MIKE,
I would like a girl or boy pen pal of my own age. I will write to anyone and everyone. My hobbies are playing the violin and music and sport.
Suzanne Moore (14), 9 Meriton Rise, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

Dear MIKE,
I like pop music (new wave and funk). I am 14 years old and would like to write to boys or girls aged between 14 and 16 who like music, ski-ing and swimming.
Sandrine Vuillard, Rue Pommerol, 26470 la 17tte Chalacon, France.

Dear MIKE,
I am 15 and would like a boy or girl pen pal aged 14-15. My hobbies are music (Duran Duran), sport and the cinema.
Rodolphe Attal, 2 Square de Sendaï, 3500 Rennes, France.

Dear MIKE,
My hobbies are swimming, stamp collecting, riding and writing letters. I am 14 and would like a boy or girl pen pal around my age.
Stephane Hebre 15 rue Adolphe Chales, 33100 Bordeaux, France.

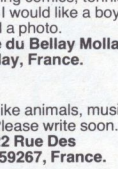
Dear MIKE,
My name is Christophe and I'm 16 yrs. old. I'd like a boy pen-pal. My hobbies are swimming, stamp collecting and watching TV. I would like a pen-pal aged 15-17 yrs. old. Please send a photo. All letters will be answered.
Christophe Chailleux, Le Creux Louisfert, Chateaubriant 44110, France.

Dear MIKE,
I like animals, basketball, tennis, swimming and collecting stamps. I would like a pen pal in Great Britain between 10 and 12 years old.
Carl Alexandre Peek, 76 rue du Mont Gerbault, 93800 Epinay s/Seine, France.

Dear MIKE,
I am 13 and my hobbies are writing and receiving letters, reading comics, tennis, the cinemas and T.V. I would like a boy pen pal – please send a photo.
Michel Jacquot, Rue du Bellay Mollay, 49260 Montreuil Bellay, France.

Dear MIKE,
My name is Karine. I like animals, music, swimming, reading. Please write soon.
Karine Cosemans, 22 Rue Des Jonquilles, Proville 59267, France.

Dear MIKE,
I like swimming, football, animals and the fresh air. I'm 14 yrs. old and would like a boy pen-pal aged 13-15 yrs.
Olivier Meunipr, 17 Avenue Pausone, 33110 Le Bouscat, France.



Dear MIKE,
I would like a boy pen pal in the U.K. My hobbies are football and swimming and I enjoy drawing.
Mark Bretherton (11), 159 Brownmoor Lane, Crosby, Liverpool.

Dear MIKE,
I like swimming and animals. I'd like a girl pen-pal aged 15-16 yrs. Please send a photo with your first letter.
Duy Huynh, 181 ae de Montardon, 64000 Lau, France.

Dear MIKE,
My hobbies are horses, cats. I love swimming and cycling. I'd prefer someone to write to me in French. I'd like a girl pen-pal.
Claire Bocquet, 19 Rue Chateaubriand, 92290 Chatenay Malabry, France (aged 11 yrs.)

Dear MIKE,
My hobbies are reading and swimming. I'd like a boy or girl pen-pal.
Stephanie Thal, Rotrehre 6, 3052 Bad Nenndorf, W. Germany (aged 14 yrs.)

Dear MIKE,
I'm looking for a boy or girl pen-pal. My hobbies are slalom, music, handwork, swimming. I am 12 yrs. old – I am a girl.
Heli Hassinen, Palstatie 14, 87200 Kajaani, Finland.

Dear MIKE,
I'd like a girl pen-pal aged 11-12 yrs. old. I play the organ and I read a lot. I also have an aquarium.
Birgit Ala Roysko, Hedelmatanhantie 15f75, 15860 Kartano, Finland.

Dear MIKE,
I'd like a girl pen-pal aged 14-15 yrs. old. My hobbies are pop music: Duran Duran.
Minna Oksanen, Keltinmaentie 17-19d 92, 40640 Jyvaskyld 64, Finland (aged 14 yrs.)

Dear MIKE,
My favourite hobby is athletics which I practice, but I also like reading, writing letters, collecting stamps, cycling, dancing and music. I would like to write to a girl or boy in Great Britain. I am 13½ and would like a picture of my pen pal.
Valerie Ricart, 18 Lieu dit Mt. de Vanquetin, 62123 Montenescourt, France.

Dear MIKE,
I am looking for a pen pal aged between 13 and 15, a boy or a girl. I am 13½ and like sport, nature, animals (especially horses), music, fashion and so on. I speak German and a little English. Please write to me with a photo.
Helene Morise, Rue La Salmondiere, 35510 Cesson Sevigne, France.

Dear MIKE,
I am 15 and I like music. My favourite pastime is the cinema. I hope to receive a letter soon from a pen pal in Great Britain.
Regis Brugere, 30 av. de Grande Bretagne, 63000 Clermont Ferrand, France.

Dear MIKE,
I love animals and riding and would like to write to a girl or boy aged between 14 and 16. Please send a photo. I promise to reply.
Nathalie Aubert, 17 Henri Baibusse, 76530 Gd. Couronne, France.

Dear MIKE,
I am looking for pen pals who like music, particularly reggae. I like going out especially to the cinema. I hope I get lots of replies. I am 15 years old.
Valerie Matscher, 1 allee Alain Fournier, 95200 Sancelles, France.

Dear MIKE,
I am looking for a girl pen pal in Great Britain, who can speak and write German well. She should be around 15 years old. My hobbies are sport, listening to disco music, dancing, reading and dreaming . . .
Please send me a photo.
P.S. I look quite different to this photo.
Viktoria Lepke, Warburgerstr. 10, 58 Hagen 7, W. Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I want a girl pen pal in Great Britain around my own age of 12. I like riding, cycling, music and table tennis.
Laurent Gauger, Mernelstr. 15, 2838 Sulingen, W. Germany.

Dear MIKE,
My hobbies are reading, music (Nik Kershaw, Alphaville, Foreigner and others), swimming and going to the cinema. I can write in English and German and would like a pen pal in Great Britain; a boy or a girl. I am 14.
Kerstin Mueller, Kastellstr. 6, 6303 Kungen 1 W. Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I am 13 and would like to write to someone in Great Britain. My hobbies are handball, collecting stamps, reading, animals, sport and writing letters.
Michaela Jahnsch, Scheringevstr. 3, 2820 Bremen 71 W. Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I am 7½ yrs. old. I like drawing, cycling, writing to my friends. I love animals especially cats. I would like a girl pen-pal aged 7.
Muriel Batac, Orincles, 65380 Ossun, France.

Dear MIKE,
I am 10 yrs. old and would like a boy pen-pal my age. My hobbies include sport, fishing, geography, T.V., walking and holidays.
Bertrand Leduc, 10 Rue La Fontaine, 4900 Angers, France.

Dear MIKE,
I'm 12 yrs. old and would like a boy pen-pal. My hobbies are skate-boarding, T.V. I enjoy all types of music and animals.
Michel Goujout, 64 Rue des Rigoles, 75020 Paris, France.

Dear MIKE,
I would like a pen pal who is a Christian like me. I enjoy swimming and dancing. I will answer all letters sent to me. I would like a boy or girl.
Angie Flint (14), 162 Derby Road, Draycott.

Dear MIKE,
I would like a boy or girl pen pal aged 10-11 yrs. My hobbies are horse riding, swimming and bike riding.
Susan R. Kelly (10), 28 Geoling Grove, Arnolo, Notts.

GALORE...

ONLY THROUGH MIKE!

Dear Mike,
I'd love a British pen-pal — I've never had one before. I'm 13, blue eyes, fair hair with a Mum, Dad, brother and dog and a best friend called Judy.
Karen Newby, 45 Ulster Rd., Merseyside, Liverpool L13 5SS.

Dear MIKE,
I would like to write to someone in England. I like pop music and being with friends. I hate reading but love watching T.V. especially police films. My favourite actor is Alain Delon. I am 14 years old.
Coralie Fougoron, PN. 213 Boutemine, 37150 Blere, France.

Dear MIKE,
I speak English and German and I like reading and writing. I would like a boy pen pal aged 16 or 17, who likes pop music especially Duran Duran. I am 17.
Emmanuelle Piot, Rue de Verdum, 08350 Donchery, France.

Dear MIKE,
I would like a pen pal anywhere. My hobbies are B.M.X. Bikes, Soldiers and Snooker.
David Fee (6), 150 Corporation Road, Workington, Cumbria.

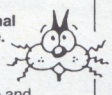
Dear MIKE,
I would like a pen pal in the U.K. who enjoys reading and playing football.
Hassan Jiva (11), 73 Swan Lane, Bolton.

Dear MIKE,
I would like a boy pen pal in the U.K. I like collecting rubbers and Star Wars figures. I like David Essex L.P.s.
Matthew Sharp (8), Fakenham, Norfolk.

Dear MIKE,
I like the cinema, music, my favourite groups are Duran Duran, George Michael. I'd like a boy or girl pen pal aged 13-18 yrs. old.
Paul Bricout, 30 Rue sadi Carnot, 59157 Fontaine Ho Pire Nold, France (aged 14 yrs).

Dear MIKE,
I'd like a girl or boy pen-pal. I like tennis. I especially like amusing stories. I'd like a pen-pal aged 8-13 yrs. old.
Agathe Bleirad, Chemindu champ de foire, 54200 Toul, France (aged 9½ yrs.)

Dear MIKE,
I would like to write to a girl in Great Britain in French or English. I am 14½ years old and my interests are cinema (science fiction films, horror and adventure) and reading.
Eddy Demeyer, 1 rue Marechal Clauzel, 29200 Brest, France.



Dear MIKE,
Hello! I'm 13 yrs. old. I love life and laughing. I'd like a boy pen-pal. My hobbies are horses, tennis, Wham, Bye Bye.
Stephanie Dubreucque, 5 Rue de l'Effort Mutuel, 91120 Palaiseau, France (aged 13 yrs.)

Dear MIKE,
I'd like a girl or boy pen-pal. My hobbies are swimming, horse riding, dancing. I like going on journeys.
Alexandra Bonnoit, 9 Rue Marcel Porte, 38100 Grenoble, France.

Dear MIKE,
I'd like a girl pen-pal. My hobbies and interests are animals, music-modern – swimming. Please write soon.
Carine Masia, Rue de la Grange, 91230 Montagerons, France (aged 11 yrs.)

Dear MIKE,
Hello, my name is Michael and I would like a girl pen-pal aged 11-13 yrs. old. I like footall, hand-ball, music like Motley Crue, Dio, Scorpions, etc. I also like Wham, Madonna and Duran Duran.
Michael Fernandez (aged 12 yrs.), 7 Des Plants Verts, 95000 Cergy, France.

Dear MIKE,
I'm 15 yrs. old and would like girl and boy pen-pals. I speak English and a little Spanish. My hobbies are basketball, ping-pong, acting and writing.
Nathalie Sibille, Des Pinsons, 88390 Uxegney, France.

Dear MIKE,
Hello, I'd like a girl pen-pal aged 13-14 yrs. old. My hobbies are swimming, tennis and music (rock and funk).
Christopher Lover, Lupino, 20200 BASTIA, France.

Dear MIKE,
I'm 12 yrs. old and would like a girl pen-pal. I like sport especially swimming. I like the piano and dancing. Please write soon.
Sophie Legrand, 12 Rue Cadi Salah el Hacmaoui, Rabat Marox, France.

Dear MIKE,
I like reading, riding, dancing, judo, music, cycling and animals. I can write in English and French and would like a boy or girl pen pal around my age of 15.
Margret Frerichs, Borgholstr. 1, 2944 Wittmund 1, W. Germany.

Dear MIKE,
I'd like a boy or girl pen-pal aged between 11-12 yrs. old. My hobbies are hockey, netball, Duran Duran, Madonna and Paul Young.
Rhiannon Leigh Davies, Barnets 46, Cwmbran U.K. (aged 11).

Dear MIKE,
I'd like a girl pen-pal. My hobbies are music (U2 and others), writing and receiving letters, tennis, swimming and art.
Claire Atkinson, 13 Coniston Road, Basingstoke, Hants U.K. (aged 14).

Dear MIKE,
My name is Michelle McCarthy. I like swimming and drawing and typing out letters. I am 10 yrs. old and would like a girl pen-pal. I have a pet fish.
Michelle McCarthy, 44 Eugene Gardens Meadow, Nottingham, U.K.

Dear MIKE,
I'm 13 yrs. old – I'm looking for a girl or boy pen-pal. I like music, (especially the Police), swimming, reading. I have one sister and cats. I have studied English for 2 years.
Anne Denis, 25 Rue Des Carrieres, 57111 Amanvillers, France.

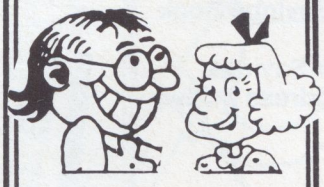
Dear MIKE,
My hobbies are athletics. I like cricket and videos and nearly any sport. I want to be a professional footballer.
Jomir Ali, 3 Albert Road, Stamford U.K. PE9 2EA (aged 12).

Dear MIKE,
I'd like a boy pen-pal. My hobbies are looking after Fluffy my rabbit and playing with my mate Joanne.
Carla Omalley, 36 Pheasant Ford, Burnley, Lancs. U.K. (aged 11 yrs.).

Dear MIKE,
My hobbies are swimming, athletics (some times). I used to collect rubbers. I sometimes go ice-skating. I like Madonna's songs. I also like playing tennis and am going to tennis lessons.
Judy Maddox, 65 Oakhill Road, Liverpool 13 U.K. (aged 13 yrs.).

PENPAL COUPON

ATTACH PHOTO HERE!



BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE!

Christian Name _____

Surname _____ Age _____

Street _____

Town _____ U.K.

I'd like a Boy Girl Penpal (tick one)

From: ☐ U.K. ☐ Germany
☐ Denmark ☐ Austria
☐ Spain ☐ Italy
☐ Netherlands ☐ Finland
☐ Ireland ☐ France
☐ Belgium

My Hobbies and Interests are: (tick one)

_____

_____

_____

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_____

Cut out coupon and return to **MIKE!**

Mr. Blirriant's PLIZE CLOSSWORD

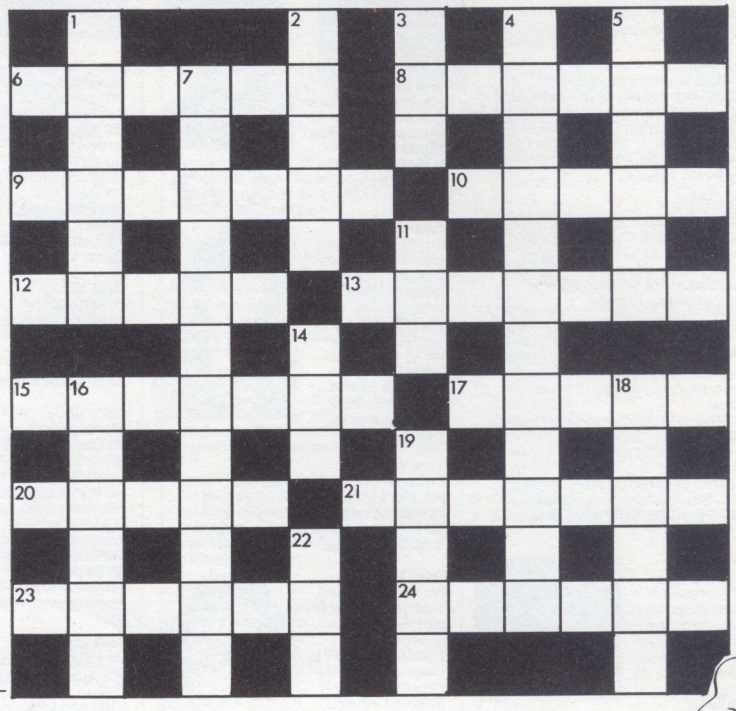
Mr Blirriant awards SPECIAL PRIZES for the first THREE correct entries opened.
Closing date for entries January 31st. SEPTEMBER ISSUE WINNERS PAGE 16.

ACROSS

6. Natural case accompanying small green vegetables (3,3)
8. Where you live (2,4)
9. Opposite to professional (7)
10. Grow this with mustard (5)
12. Look hard – rates (anag.) (5)
13. Send rim (anag.) – jogs your memory (7)
15. – thick and thin (7)
17. Originating from the continent to the East of Europe (5)
20. Ports backwards, for sharping a cut-throat razor (5)
21. King of the Saracens, Richard Lionheart's rival (7)
23. Tigers live in this part of Northern India (6)
24. Taking long walks in the country – sound like a greeting to a monarch (6).

DOWN

1. Hard hat worn by soldiers (6)
2. To total (3,2)
3. Headgear (3)
4. Very clever friend of Mike's (7,5)
5. 'We are not – !' (Queen Victoria) (6)
7. East Midlands borough begins with boy's name (12)
11. Limb 'twixt hip and foot (3)
14. Opposite to youth. (3)
16. There was a mad one at Alice's tea party (6)
18. Foreigners, possibly from outer space (6)
19. Machine for turning (5)
22. The Palestine Liberation Organization (3)



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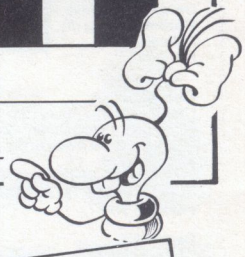
ADDRESS _____



MIKE'S LUCKY NUMBER SPOT!

IS YOUR JEANS CLUB CARD NUMBER HERE?
(You can check against either your Jeans Savings Book or your Jeans Club Card).

If it is then send your Club Card (*not* your Savings Book) in an envelope with your name and address written on the *back* of the envelope to:

TSB's MIKE
Lucky Numbers Spot
BMC UK, School Gardens,
Shrewsbury SY1 2AJ.

And you could be in for a little surprise!

093667	136821	069813	139371
108769	189536	117188	189709
059922	189392	091573	056596
050401	364260	008297	112100
093934	238252	033818	131709
086966	197126	070049	096756
	190761	600046	
	058634	600001	
	174405	600019	
	101866	600004	
	072475	600000	
	077789	600065	

Dear Mike,
Please can you tell me what sort of animal Mr. Blirriant is? I can't see any resemblance to any kind of animal I know of. I know you are a hamster, Dr. Charlie Snark is a mouse, Rodney is a wolf and Bonehead is a badger.

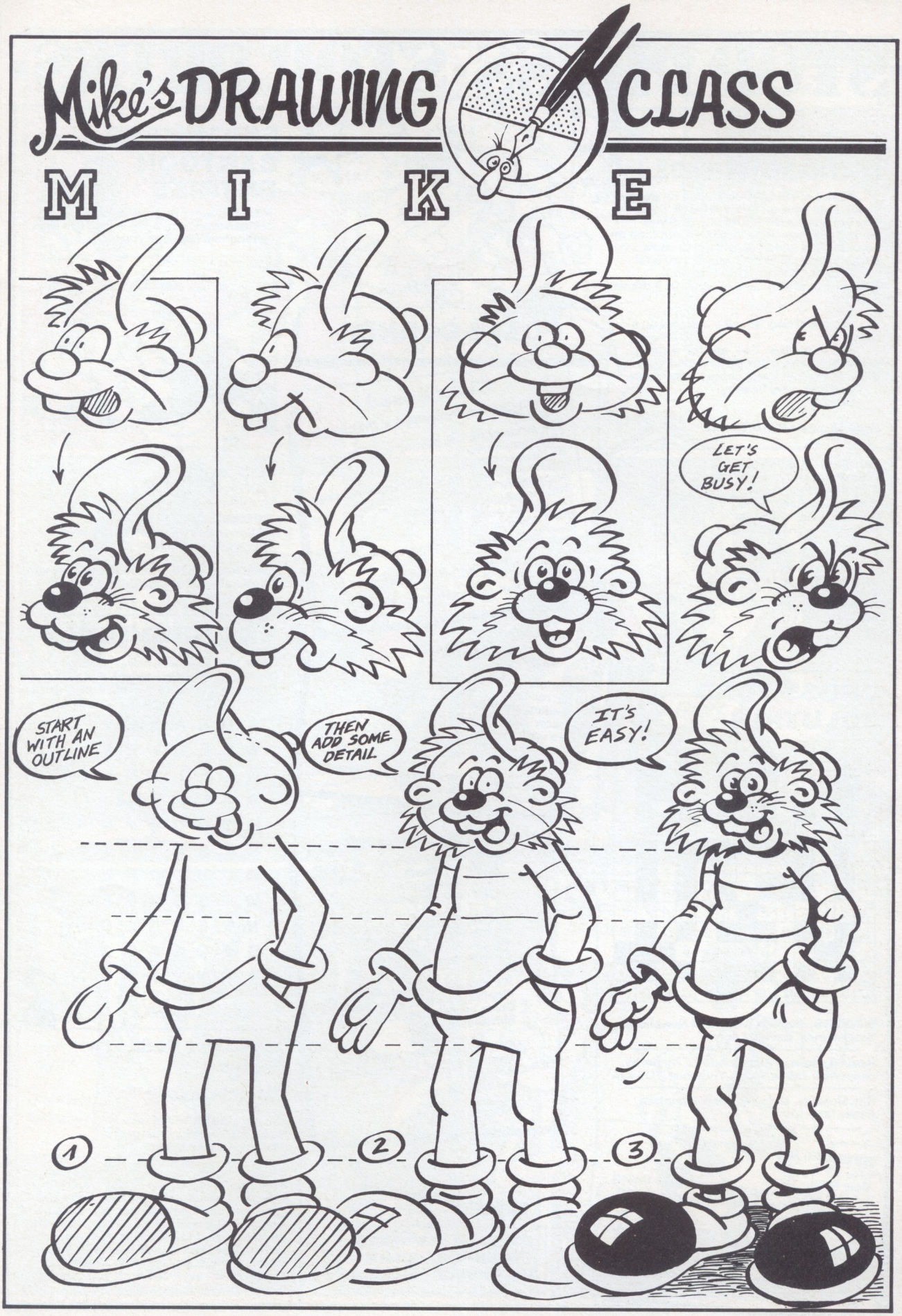
Anthony Steele Perkins, 'Hillcote', Trevanion Road, Wadebridge, Cornwall, (age 8).

Cor brimey! What I am is of course a VELLY RARE TYPE LIGHT BULB!! Maybe you need a pair of SPECTACLES!! (signed) your pal BLIRRIANT

Q: What do you call a deer with no eyes?
A: No eye deer.

Knock-Knock!
Who's there?
Tick.
Tick who?
Tick 'em up. I'm a tongue tied cowboy.

Wendy Newtown (12), 44 Edward Street, Silksworth, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.


Mike's DRAWING CLASS
M I K E
LET'S GET BUSY!
START WITH AN OUTLINE
THEN ADD SOME DETAIL
IT'S EASY!
1
2
3

•STOP PRESS•STOP PRESS•

Mr Blirriant's FEATHERED FLIENDS

Winter is VELLY COLD, even for people! Small birds have an EVEN WORSE TIME. So why not make a BIRD TABLE? Or if you haven't got room for a bird table, put food on a windowsill! Soon you will get to know MANY KINDS OF BIRDS, all velly glateful.

Give PLENTY of WATER to drink, changing it often in cold weather so it doesn't FLEEZE.

MENU:

NUTS in a bag, or half a coconut on a string

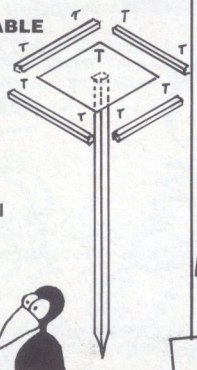
Bits of ANIMAL FAT, also on a string

SUNFLOWER SEEDS or similar (get these from a pet shop) scraps from meals.

CHEESE, very healthy.

BREAD.

How to make BIRD TABLE



get: bit of ½" plywood
300mm square
4 ×300mm lengths of 1"battening 1 sharpened post, 75 × 75 ×2000mm assemble as in drawing!

NOTE: put bird table well way from bushes! Or cats may CLEEP UP! Or even RAVENOUS RODNEY WOLFE, after COCONUTS!

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

1 P	O	2 U	N	3 D		4 A	M	5 E	R	6 I	C	7 A
A		P		O				R		N		P
			8 I	G	N	O	R	E	D			O
9 W		10 S		B				C		11 C		S
12 A	P	P	L	E	S		13 S	T	R	E	E	T
S		A		O		14 P				N		R
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I		I				D		T		R		P
17 N	E	S	S	18 I	E		19 B	R	E	A	T	H
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O		21 U		O				M		22 O		23 U
24 N	D	N	S	T	O	P		25 S	L	U	G	S

WINNERS: Stephen Webb, 264 Newchurch, Stockstends, Bacup, Lancs.

Kevin Andrew, 5 Richmond Hill, Ainderby, Quernhow Thirsk, North Yorkshire YO7 4JA

Kim Moseley, 48 Lister Road, Braintree, Essex (age 10)

SPECIAL REQUEST

Dear Mike,
I would like to swap my Manchester United or City or Everton or Birmingham posters for some Spurs posters.

Harry Harminder Singh, 26 Kingsway Road, Leicester LE5 5TH.

P.S. If anyone has got any Spurs posters write to me.

POETS CORNER

Clear Round

The starting bell sounded and the clapping ceased:
The stride of the big bay horse increased.
He flicked his ears
As he eyed the gate.
But he gathered himself a fraction too late.
He caught it in front,
And the whole jump swayed,
The crowd 'oohed and arred'
But it some how stayed.
They were cantering on, the next was the wall,
And he flew it without any trouble at all.

M. J. Jakubuat 15 Gedney Ave., Stanns, Notts.

Speed Indeed

Motor bikes and racing cars,
What modern folk we think we are,
Speeding around without a care,
So slow down on your motor bike,
Ease up in your car,
Please try to remember,
How breakable we are.

Donna Nicholls 412 Wellington St., Grimsby, South Humberside DN32 7SS

Looking Glass Mirror

Smooth it slides upon its travel,
Here a wimple there a gleam
O the clean gravel!
O the smooth stream!

Sailing blossoms, silver fishes,
Paven Pools as clean as air –
How a child wishes
To live down there!

We can see our coloured faces
Floating on the shaken pool
Down in cool places,
Dim and very cool.

Till a wind or water wrinkle,
Dipping marten, plumping trout,
Spreads in a twinkle
And blots all out.

Louise Gray (8)

WRITE TO TSB's MIKE, SCHOOL GARDENS, SHREWSBURY SY1 2AJ.

SEPTEMBER CARTOON ENTRIES

WINNER: Danielle Amanda Clay, 22 Bestwood Park Drive West, Rise Park, Nottingham (age 6½ yrs)

RUNNERS UP: Simon Came, 62 Longmeadow Close, Plympton, Plymouth, Devon (age 14 yrs)

Gina Race, 37 Bearwood Road, Barkham, Wokingham, Berkshire RG11 4SX (age 13 yrs)

THE BIRD TABLE

There are seven birds hiding on the bird table, reading horizontally, vertically and diagonally forewards and backwards. How many can you find?

A	G	H	A	R	G	S
W	R	E	N	W	E	T
H	E	F	I	P	N	H
O	A	I	B	K	S	I
S	T	N	O	U	P	N
S	T	C	R	Y	A	J
R	I	H	I	C	R	E
W	T	S	G	O	R	F
N	I	E	B	G	O	R
S	E	O	R	H	W	A
A	D	N	I	W	S	K

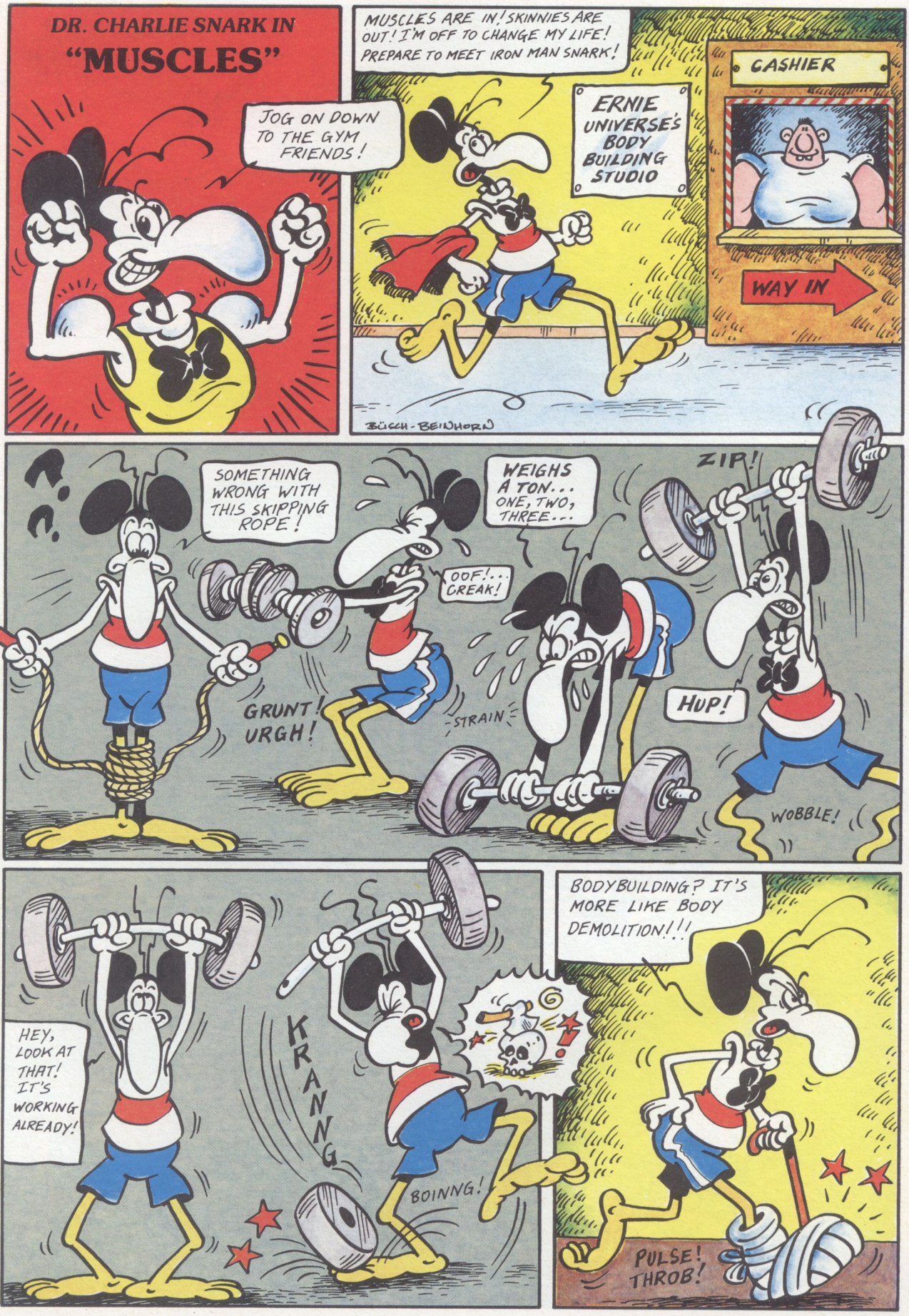
Results in next issue.

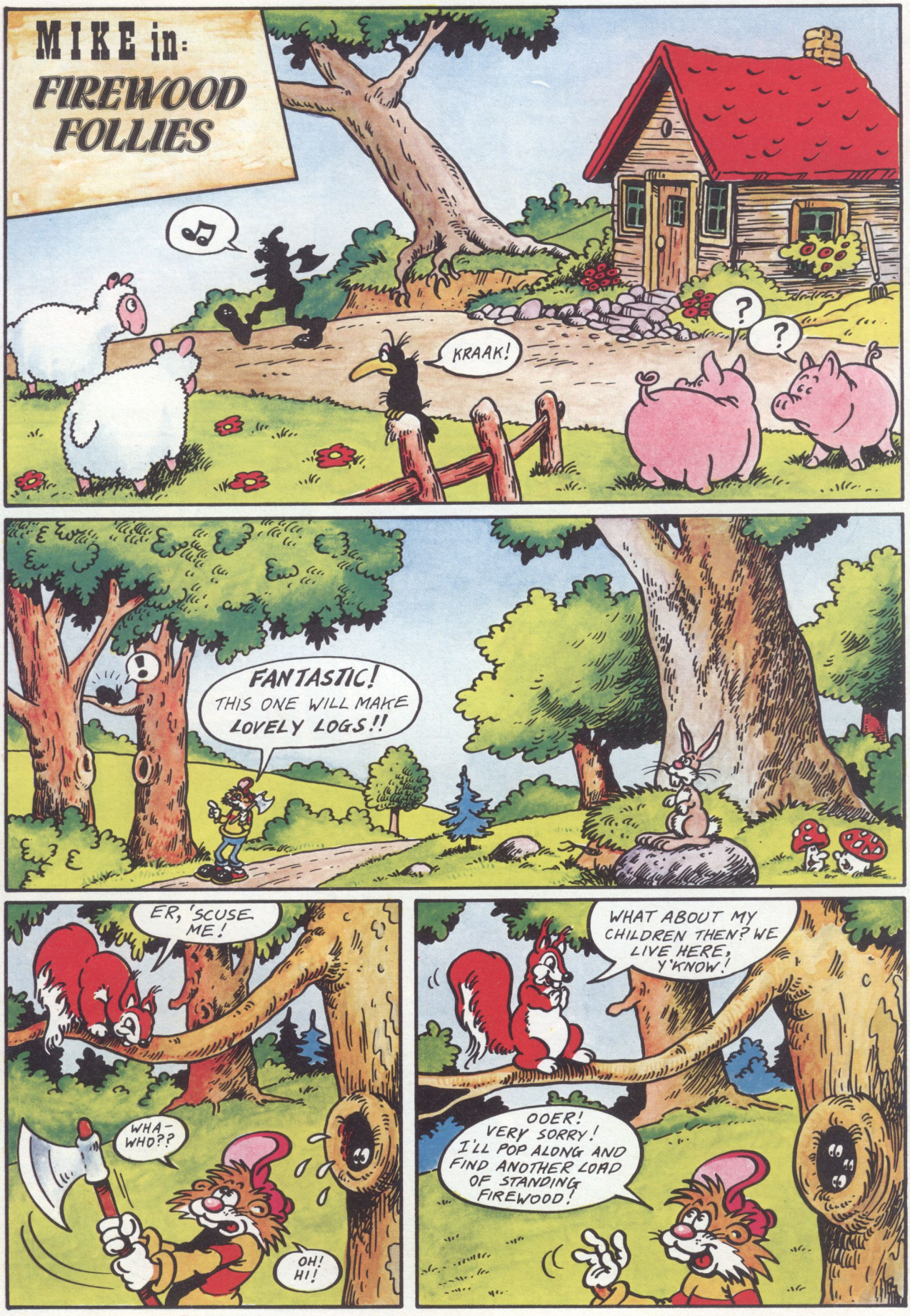
Ravenous Rodney's Recipe

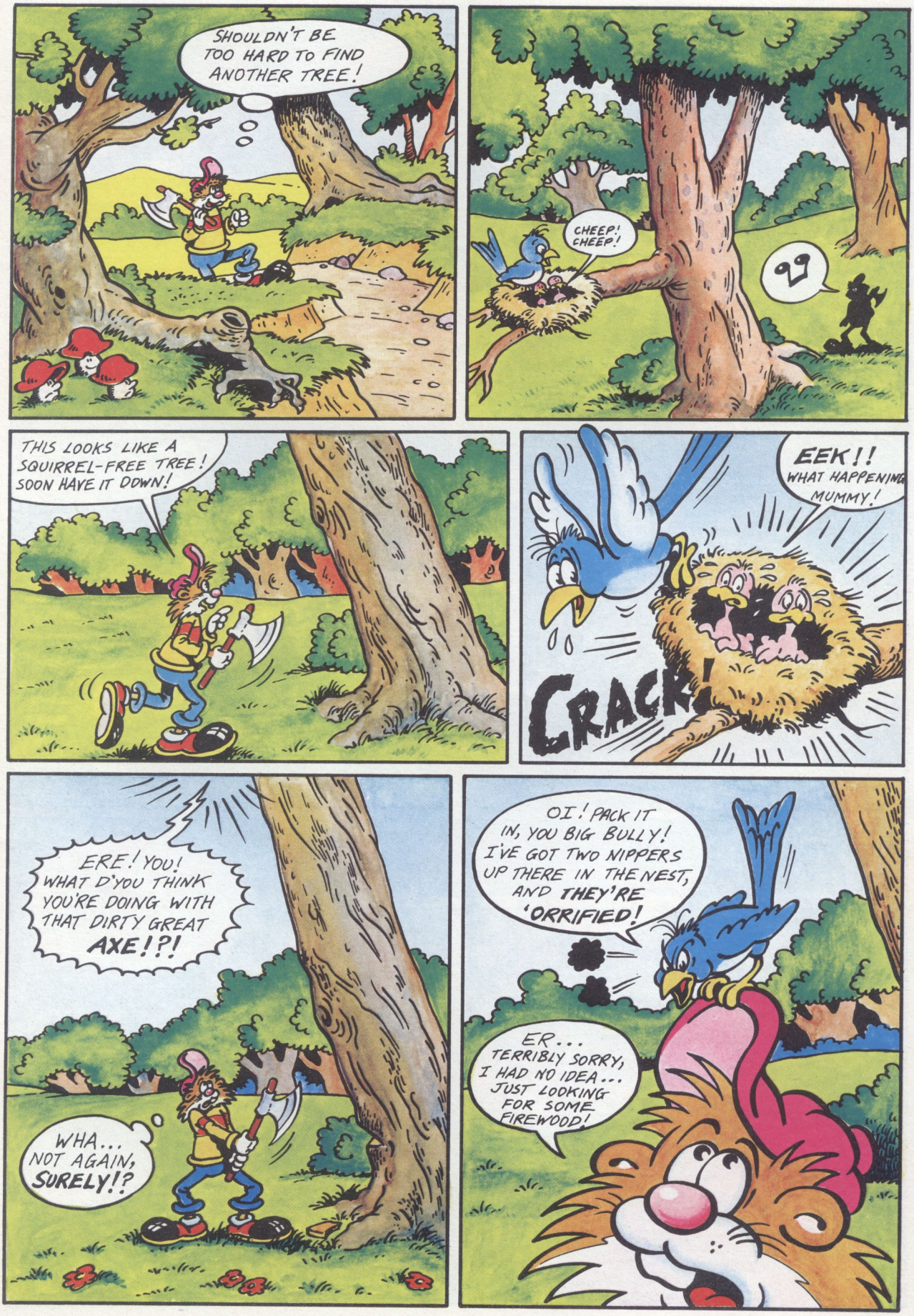
Flapjacks (drool)!

4½ oz (140g) porridge oats
4 oz (125g) butter or margarine
3 oz (75g) brown sugar

Grease a shallow baking tin. Gently melt the butter or margarine in a saucepan. In a separate bowl mix together the sugar and oats. Pour the melted butter over the top and mix thoroughly. Press this mixture into the baking tin and cook in an oven preheated to 375°, Gas Mark 5, until they are a golden brown. Cut the flapjacks into 12 portions and allow to cool in the tin, if you can wait! Sgrrrrumptious!

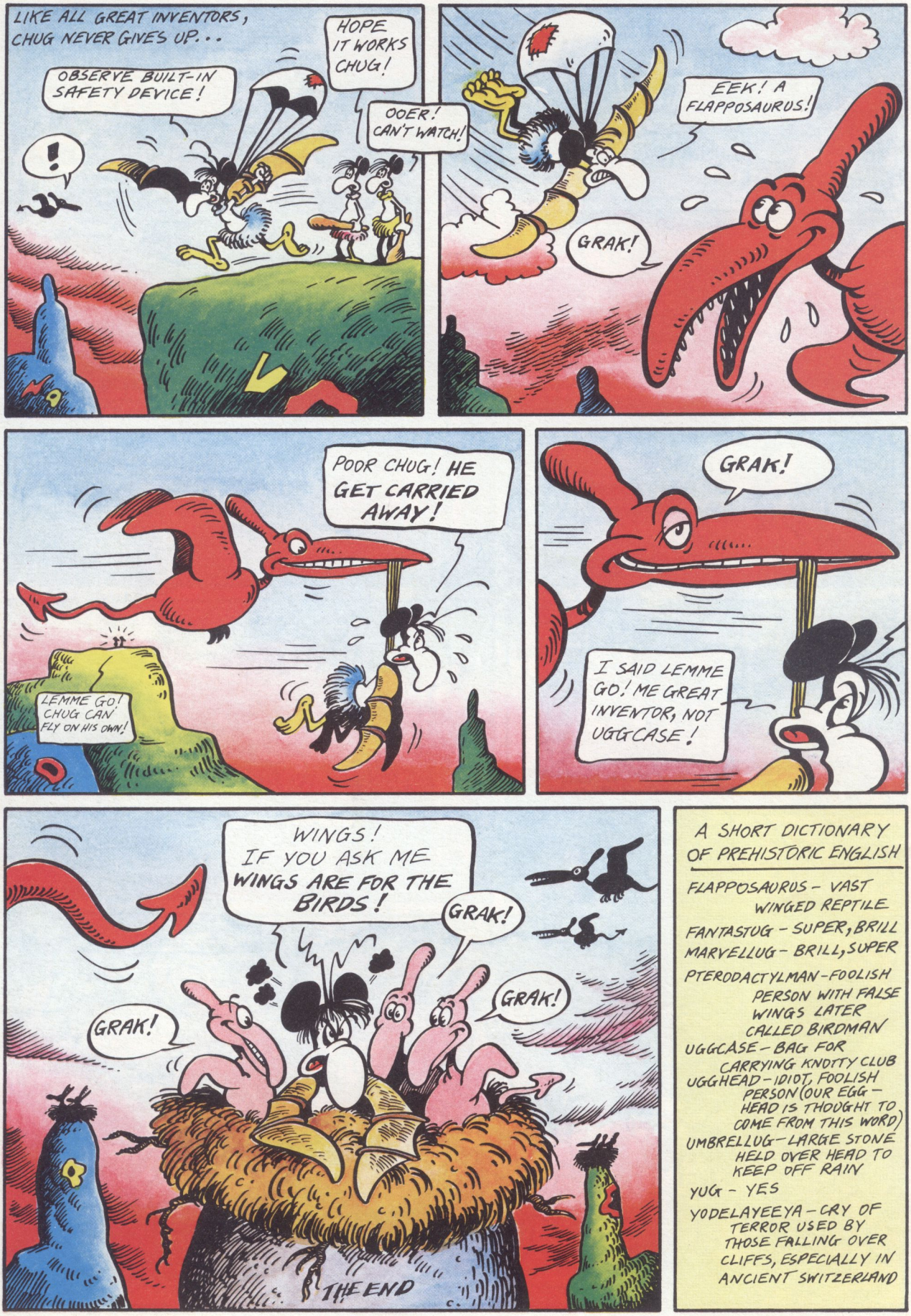

DR. CHARLIE SNARK IN
"MUSCLES"
JOG ON DOWN TO THE GYM FRIENDS!
MUSCLES ARE IN! SKINNIES ARE OUT! I'M OFF TO CHANGE MY LIFE! PREPARE TO MEET IRON MAN SNARK!
ERNIE UNIVERSE'S BODY BUILDING STUDIO
CASHIER
WAY IN
BÜCH-BEINHORN
SOMETHING WRONG WITH THIS SKIPPING ROPE!
GRUNT! URGH!
WEIGHS A TON... ONE, TWO, THREE...
OOF!.. CREAK!
STRAIN
ZIP!
HUP!
WOBBLE!
HEY, LOOK AT THAT! IT'S WORKING ALREADY!
KRANNG
BOINNG!
BODYBUILDING? IT'S MORE LIKE BODY DEMOLITION!!!
PULSE! THROB!


MIKE in:
FIREWOOD FOLLIES
KRAAK!
?
?
FANTASTIC! THIS ONE WILL MAKE LOVELY LOGS!!
ER, 'SCUSE ME!
WHA— WHO??
OH! HI!
WHAT ABOUT MY CHILDREN THEN? WE LIVE HERE, Y'KNOW!
OOER! VERY SORRY! I'LL POP ALONG AND FIND ANOTHER LOAD OF STANDING FIREWOOD!


SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARD TO FIND ANOTHER TREE!
CHEEP! CHEEP!
?
THIS LOOKS LIKE A SQUIRREL-FREE TREE! SOON HAVE IT DOWN!
EEK!! WHAT HAPPENING MUMMY!
CRACK!
ERE! YOU! WHAT D'YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING WITH THAT DIRTY GREAT AXE!?!
WHA... NOT AGAIN, SURELY!?
OI! PACK IT IN, YOU BIG BULLY! I'VE GOT TWO NIPPERS UP THERE IN THE NEST, AND THEY'RE 'ORRIFIED!
ER... TERRIBLY SORRY, I HAD NO IDEA... JUST LOOKING FOR SOME FIREWOOD!

3 TREES LATER...
NOO! PLEASE GIGANTIC HAMSTER! DON'T TAKE THIS ONE, WE NEED IT FOR OUR DAM!!
12 TREES LATER...
GREAT, THIS IS MY FAVOURITE BACK SCRATCHING TREE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT AXE?
ER... NOT MUCH ELK!
SCRATCH! SCRATCH!
20 TREES LATER
CHOP DOWN THIS TREE? LISTEN LUMBERJACK, THIS IS MY HONEY TREE AND NOBODY CHOPS IT DOWN! IZZAT CLEAR?
CRYSTAL CLEAR, MR. BEAR! -GULP- WELL, TARA FOR NOW!
BZZZZ
I GIVE UP! LOOKS LIKE EVERY TREE IN THE WOOD BELONGS TO SOMEONE ALREADY! FROM NOW ON I STICK TO COAL!
?
BÜSCH-BEINHORN 1985
THE END

MUG
PTERODACTYLMAN OF THE LOST WORLD
CHUG
NOW CHUG SHOW YOU MARVELLOUS NEW INVENTION!
? ?
CHUG IS FIRST EVER INTREPID PTERODACTYLMAN!
HE GO JUMP OFF CLIFF! UGGHEAD!
ME LIKE DIVING DISPLAYS!
FLUTTER!
FLAP!
YUG! YUG! HE FLY LIKE A DINOSAUR!
FANTASTUG! CHUG A MASTER INVENTOR!
YODELAYEEYA! YODELAYEEYA!
AH! THERE MUG AND HIS FOOLISH FRIEND! THEY WILL BE IMPRESSED!
WE-ELL...
WHOOOMPH!
HELLUG! IT RAINING CHUGS WE NEED UMBRELLUG!
HE NEED UNDER-CARRIAGE!
CURSES! FOILED!
FLYING EASY ENOUGH! IT'S LANDING THAT'S THE PROBLEM!



A SHORT DICTIONARY OF PREHISTORIC ENGLISH

FLAPPOSAURUS – VAST WINGED REPTILE

FANTASTUG – SUPER, BRILL

MARVELLUG – BRILL, SUPER

PTERODACTYLMAN – FOOLISH PERSON WITH FALSE WINGS LATER CALLED BIRDMAN

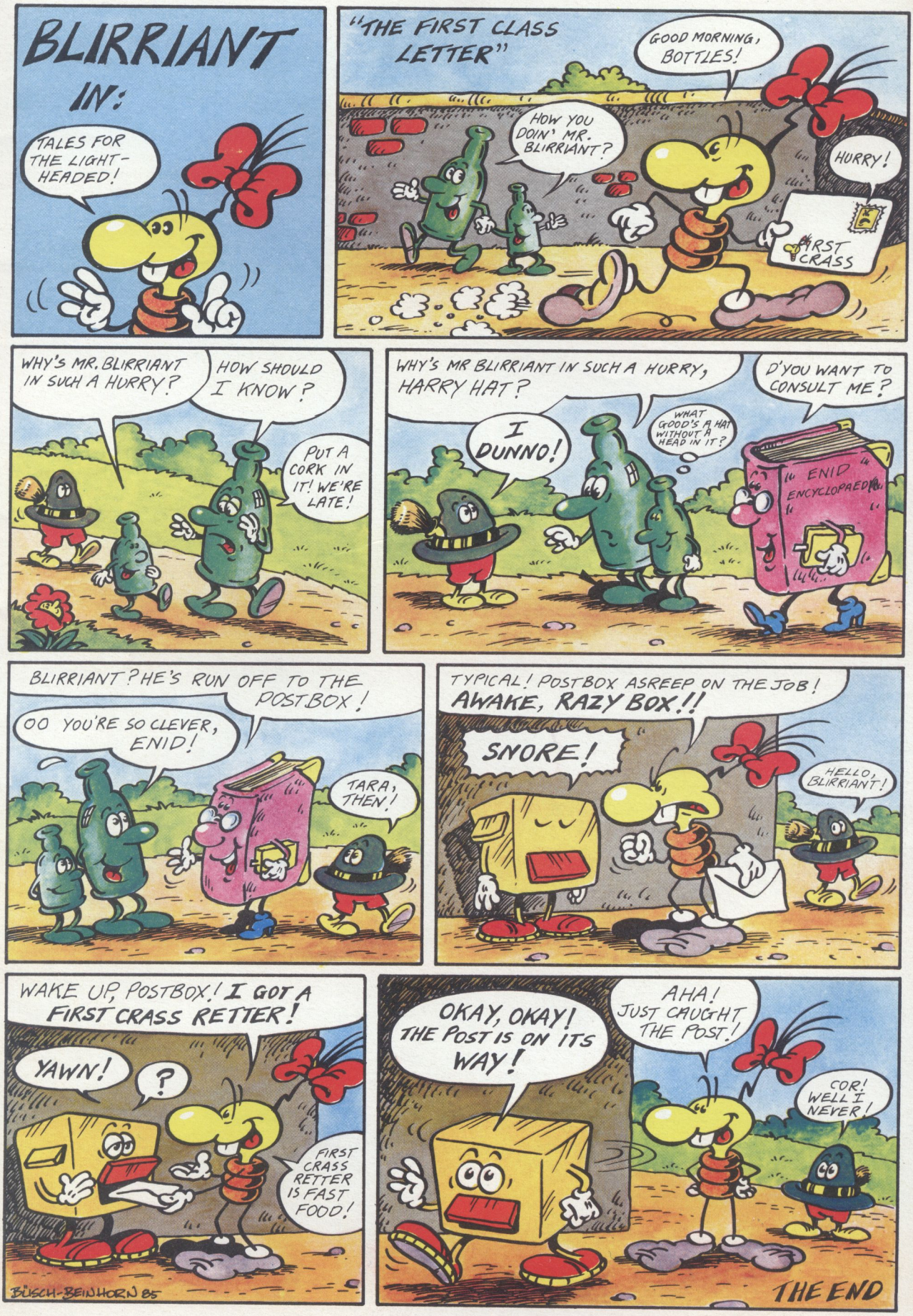
UGGCASE – BAG FOR CARRYING KNOTTY CLUB

UGGHEAD – IDIOT, FOOLISH PERSON (OUR EGG-HEAD IS THOUGHT TO COME FROM THIS WORD)

UMBRELLUG – LARGE STONE HELD OVER HEAD TO KEEP OFF RAIN

YUG – YES

YODELAYEEYA – CRY OF TERROR USED BY THOSE FALLING OVER CLIFFS, ESPECIALLY IN ANCIENT SWITZERLAND


BLIRRIANT IN:
TALES FOR THE LIGHT-HEADED!
"THE FIRST CLASS LETTER"
GOOD MORNING, BOTTLES!
HOW YOU DOIN' MR. BLIRRIANT?
HURRY!
FIRST CRASS
WHY'S MR. BLIRRIANT IN SUCH A HURRY?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?
PUT A CORK IN IT! WE'RE LATE!
WHY'S MR BLIRRIANT IN SUCH A HURRY, HARRY HAT?
I DUNNO!
WHAT GOOD'S A HAT WITHOUT A HEAD IN IT?
D'YOU WANT TO CONSULT ME?
ENID ENCYCLOPAEDIA
BLIRRIANT? HE'S RUN OFF TO THE POSTBOX!
OO YOU'RE SO CLEVER, ENID!
TARA, THEN!
TYPICAL! POSTBOX ASREEP ON THE JOB!
AWAKE, RAZY BOX!!
SNORE!
HELLO, BLIRRIANT!
WAKE UP, POSTBOX! I GOT A FIRST CRASS RETTER!
YAWN!
?
FIRST CRASS RETTER IS FAST FOOD!
BÜSCH-BEINHORN 85
OKAY, OKAY! THE POST IS ON ITS WAY!
AHA! JUST CAUGHT THE POST!
COR! WELL I NEVER!
THE END

DR. CHARLIE'S AUNTIE MAKES A JERSEY!
TCH! I KNEW I'D FORGOTTEN SOMETHING! BUT IT SUITS YOU ANYWAY, NEPHEW!
YOU LOOK A RIGHT "KNIT" CHARLIE!!
TCH-TCH-TCH! HOW EMBARRASSING!
BÜSCH-BEINHORN 85

TSB
BANK
THE BANK THAT LIKES TO SAY YES